

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A seal for sealing rotating shafts, or rods that move back and forth, comprising a sealing element for sealing said shaft or said rod, said sealing element ~~fitted with~~ having a sealing surface or a sealing edge, ~~wherein said sealing element is provided on at least one of its surfaces with a facing including~~ formed of a nonwoven material impregnated with a polymer dispersion, wherein said nonwoven material is inserted into a recess of said sealing element and is held therein in an interlocking manner.

2. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the nonwoven material is impregnated with at least one polymer dispersion selected from the group consisting of latex, PTFE, FEP, and PFA.

3. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the facing forms the sealing surface or the sealing edge.

4. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the facing extends over the entire surface of the sealing element and is oriented toward an outside of the

seal.

5. (Original) The seal according to Claim 1, wherein the facing is disposed on a surface of the sealing element and is oriented toward an outside of the sealing element at a distance from the sealing surface or the sealing edge.

6. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the seal has a lip for protection against dirt, said lip consisting of a PTFE nonwoven material.

7. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the sealing element is provided with a spring element for pressing the sealing surface or the sealing edge against the shaft or the rod.

8. (Original) The seal according to claim 6, wherein the PTFE nonwoven material is placed on a plurality of dust lips of the seal.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) The seal according to claim 9, wherein the PTFE nonwoven material placed into the recess of the sealing element is held therein by friction.

11. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein a PTFE nonwoven material is glued to the sealing element or is bonded thereto by vulcanization.

12. (Original) The seal according to claim 1, wherein the nonwoven material consists of at least one layer of a nonwoven material impregnated with a PTFE dispersion.

13. (Currently Amended) A seal comprising:
a stiffening ring;
a V-shaped sealing element formed of an elastomer disposed on the stiffening ring; and
a facing disposed on an outer surface of the V-shaped sealing element, the facing formed on a nonwoven material impregnated with a polymer.

14. (Original) The seal according to claim 13, wherein the sealing element includes a sealing edge and a dust lip, the facing being disposed on the sealing edge.

15. (Currently Amended) The seal according to claim 14, further comprising a ~~coil~~ V-shaped spring element that presses the sealing edge against a shaft or a rod to be sealed.

16. (Original) The seal according to claim 13, wherein the facing extends over an entire outer surface of the sealing element.

17. (Original) The seal according to claim 13, wherein the facing is a stiffening member.

18. (Currently Amended) A cassette seal comprising the seal according to claim ~~13~~ 1.

19. (Original) A sliding seal comprising a first ring with a facing, the facing comprised of a nonwoven material impregnated with a polymer and in sliding contact with a second ring, wherein the first ring and second ring are sealed against a housing and a shaft or rod.